

upon the close of the election the votes cast at each precinct shall be counted and the number cast for and against County General Hospital bonds and the number of registered and qualified voters shall be ascertained, and two abstracts thereof shall be filled in and signed by the registrar and judges of election, one of which shall be delivered on or before the second day after the election at eleven o'clock a. m. to the chairman of the board of elections, and the other to the register of deeds of the county of Mecklenburg with the registration and poll books, which returns shall be returned by one selected by and from among the registrars and poll-holders in each precinct. The registrars and poll-holders shall receive the same compensation as now fixed by law for their services, to be paid by the board of county commissioners.

Pay of election officers.

SEC. 14. It shall be the duty of the board of elections of the county of Mecklenburg to meet in the courthouse of said county on the second day after said election, at twelve o'clock of the day, and duly canvass the returns made of said election, and judicially declare and determine the result thereof, and shall certify the result to the board of county commissioners as soon as the same is determined, and post a copy of their canvass at the courthouse in said county; and if it shall be declared and determined that the majority of the qualified voters in said election have voted for "County General Hospital Bonds," then it shall be the duty of the board of commissioners to issue the bonds and levy the tax to pay the principal and interest of same provided in this act, and all the provisions of this act shall be in full force and effect. No right of action or defense founded upon any invalidity of said election shall be asserted, nor shall the validity of said election be open to question in any court upon any ground whatever, except in an action or proceeding commenced within thirty days after the determination of the result of said election by the said board of elections.

Canvass of returns.

Certificate of results.

County commissioners to issue bonds and levy tax.

Actions attacking validity of election.

SEC. 15. The said bonds shall be advertised and sold by the board of commissioners in the manner provided in the Municipal Finance Act for the sale of bonds of cities and towns. They shall not be sold for less than par and accrued interest.

Advertisement and sale of bonds.

Sale below par forbidden.

SEC. 16. In the event that a majority of the qualified voters of Mecklenburg County shall at said election vote for the said bond issue, the county of Mecklenburg, by and through its board of county commissioners, is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to issue its bonds for the purpose of acquiring, building, and equipping the said County General Hospital to an amount not exceeding five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000), which said bonds shall be of the form and tenor prescribed by the board of commissioners of said county; shall be printed, engraved or lithographed, and executed on behalf of said county by the signing

Further authorization for issue of bonds.

Amount.

Execution.